

contract the Railroad Administration therefor was forced to record a deficit of \$1,423,428 for the year.

Ownership of Northern Pacific shares have increased 1,709, according to the statement to the annual stockholders' meeting yesterday by Howard Elliott, the president. The road, he said, has 27,000 share holders, against about 25,300 a year ago. The average holding of a share holder is ninety-two shares.

A decided improvement in the business of the Northwestern States is looked for by the president, who declared yes

through that territory is in sight. "All our reports," he said, "point to a big increase in the wheat crop. There has been a large acreage planted, and the soil is in splendid condition. Winter wheat conditions in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and western Montana are very good, while the soil condition for spring sowing is also favorable. On the whole, the outlook in Northern Pacific's territory is encouraging."

"An indication of the improvement in Northern Pacific's business is the earnings for January and February, 1918. In these months the administration reports operating income of \$5,032,699, a gain of \$748,883, compared with the same months of 1917. There is entire harmony between the Federal and cor-

**DENIES ALIEN OWNERSHIP.**

**Richard Mayer, Boston, Sues to Prevent Sale.**

Boston, April 8.—Richard Mayer of Waltham, owner of the Richard Mayer Company and the Anglo-American Cotton Company before they were seized by the Alien Property Custodian last May, filed a bill in equity in the Federal

court to-day to establish his interest in the property and to prevent its sale. A hearing will be held Monday.

Mayer contends that a partnership which existed between his concerns and Reis & Co. of Friedrichsfeld, Germany, was dissolved in February, 1918, and that after the United States entered the war neither company transacted any

He asserts that the allegation made at the time his property was taken over, that he had stored millions of dollars worth of cotton to ship to Germany when peace was declared, was false, and that it had caused irreparable damage to his business.

**Minnesota Pines for France.**

ST. PAUL, April 8.—Several million young pine trees will be sent by the State of Minnesota to war devastated regions of France. It was announced at the Capitol to-day. Some time ago Minnesota forestry officials offered the trees to the French Government. Acceptance of the gift was reported to Gov. Burnquist to-day by the War Department at Washington.

**GUN NEWS**

**PLERS FROM APRIL 9 TO APRIL 13.**

Malca Bay (anarsle)	Governors Island	Willels Point	New London
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	P.M.	A.I.	P.M.	A.I.	P.M.	A.I.	P.M.
37	5:15	4:40	5:20	8:08	8:42	8:38	6:19
38	6:11	5:40	6:14	9:09	9:37	6:40	7:12
39	7:00	6:32	7:02	10:03	10:24	7:34	7:57
40	7:43	7:19	7:42	10:48	11:06	8:19	8:31
41	8:24	8:00	8:20	11:20	11:42	9:01	9:17

George Miller, Gus Trotscher, David Sea-  
 son, Gus Trotscher, Edmond and

**Capt. Fred Wrege, Jr., Changes Boats.**  
Capt. Fred Wrege, Jr., formerly of the Effort, will be in charge of the Yankee

**Oystermen Aid Flounder Fishers.**  
Oystermen are raking at the Raunt and within two minutes' row of John Boats has ranged from 60 to 70 fish Paschke's place the average catch of weighing from half to a pound each. Bloodworms lure the most fish on the high

**Drawing for Tropical Fish.**

The Ridgewood Aquarium Society will hold a drawing for two pairs of tropical fish, an aquarium, plants, &c., at its monthly meeting at Public School No. 25, Forest and Putnam avenues, Ridgewood Heights, on next Monday night.

**Enlightened Conservation and the Worm.**  
They're here, the howling dervishes of  
wormdom! When Spring's poetry had  
strummed its lay and made its bow and  
peace seemed about to overspread the  
column, it looked for a spell as though  
the worms had been purged of their  
propensities. But no such luck.

So the worm fishermen are agin with us, totin' their customary plea that they be permitted to invade the trout sanctuaries established by Dame Nature among the fastnesses in which tributaries of brooks have their sources.

The fishermen of warped mental gear who champion the cause of worm fishing for trout become hooked up to some kind

Such was the view taken by the hide hunter, the market hunter and the illegal hunter of other days. And yet, if it were

not for the birth of enlightened conservation and its enforcement in spite of political and popular hostility, there would be scant remainder of our resources in timber, fish and game to-day.

The interdiction of worm fishing for brook trout in New York State will come to pass sooner or later; the sentiment of thinking anglers will effect it. Reopen-

And if worm fishermen of the present time think themselves too advanced in years to undertake readjustment to decent angling for trout of the brooks, they might bear in mind that where the spirit remains youthful the body generally can

TANG TO THE PACE. TAMARACK.  
 New York, April 8.  
 ROD AND GUN.  
 17 FATHOMS.  
 8 A. M. DAILY. Exc. Mon.  
 JOSEPHINE and Fri.

**DORA R. and COLUMBIA**  
Daily for founders ex. Mon. 6.41 train  
Sun., 6.05 train. Rathman's Wreck Load.  
JAKE and GEORGE.

**FLOUNDERS AT GOOSE CREEK**  
Good Dry Boats at Charles Noehren's  
Fishing Station. Tel: 2211 Hammels.  
Rooms to let by the season.

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**FARMS, WEATHER PERMITTING.**  
leaves Dunne's Sheepshed  
Bay, Thursday 5 A. M.

**Capt. Joe H.** Sunday 4:30.  
Capt. ARCHIE BUCKNER.  
All Kinds **Fishing Tackle** for Sale  
We also lend money on tackle. Cheap.  
J. H. REIF, 309 3d Ave., near 23d St., N.Y.C.  
**RESOLUTE** daily except Monday

**RESOLUTE** Bounders, 6:41 train; Sun-  
day, 6:05 train, from Albrecht's, Wreck  
lead. Bring Bait. Capt. HERMAN.

**17 Fathoms or Farms, Thurs. & Sat., 8 A. M.**  
**M.J.R. III.** Sun., 7 A. M. Sheepshead Bay,  
Dunne's Dock. Edw. Berglund,  
owner. Capt. LOUIS HARMS.

**ELSA** leaves Clason Pt. Sun., Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 8 A. M.  
Flounders H. ZUBE.

**BOEGEL'S LAUNCHES** now in commission for founder fishing. \$150, inc. bait, \$ A.M. daily. Tel 309T Canastota.

<b>ANWYL</b>	leaves Clason Point 8 A. M. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday
<b>FLOUNDERS</b>	Boat leaves Murray's, Wreck Lead, daily exc. Monday, 6:15 train. Fare \$1. Bring worms. M. MURRAY.
<b>KLONDIKE</b>	leaves Hudson Park, New Rochelle, 8 A. M. every